

Blacknall Family Announcements

Youth Ministry High School

Our high school youth ministry spent the first week of July in New Orleans on their summer mission trip. Twenty-five high schoolers and nine adult leaders made the seventeen hour van drive.

We spent the week working on houses (painting, tiling, laying insulation, hanging sheetrock, hanging doors) in nearby parishes and painting a school in the city. We also spent time worshipping and reflecting with other high school groups staying with us. And we had a great time being together and enjoying some amazing food. Thanks for your prayers for our trip!

Middle School

Please pray for the thirty-five middle schoolers and six adults who are currently in Florida at the Great Escape. Pray that our eyes would be opened and our hearts stirred at the amazing truth of the gospel. Pray especially that we would learn to find and root our identity in Jesus Christ, in His great love for us, and that we are created in His image. We will return to Durham on Tuesday, Aug.5.

Small Groups

You are invited to participate in a small group! There are a variety of groups meeting in people's homes throughout the area in order to pray, study Scripture, worship, and fellowship together.

September is a time when groups commit to meet for the year, whether it's a group recommitting or starting afresh. Watch for sign-ups toward the end of the summer.

For more information, contact us at smallgroups@blacknall.org, call Melissa Hartemink at 416-8458, or visit us at our website <http://blacknallsg.wordpress.com>.

Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 17	Welcome Reception
Aug. 24	Luncheon with Grams
Sept. 14	Welcome Students Lunch
Sept. 21	Ministry Fair
Sept. 21	Concert— Michael Kelly Blanchard
Sept. 24	TableTalk begins
Sept. 26-28	Women's Retreat
Oct. 3	Date Night



The gifts of God from the people of God

Year-to-date budget through July 27	\$652,810
Year-to-date income through July 27	\$528,441
Year to-date expenses through July 27	\$558,346

Covenant Campaign Total Borrowed	\$1,100,000
Covenant Campaign Loan Balance 7/27	\$ 389,930

Cash flow and our Church

The availability of funds to pay your family expenses is important. It is also very important to the Blacknall family to have the same funds available to meet operational expenses and our commitments to our missionaries, overseas, locally, and on campus. With people out of town, etc. over the summer cash flow is a challenge. The Finance Committee encourages you to consider giving a portion of your yearly gift on a regular basis. Thank you for helping us with this challenge.

Email: churchoffice@blacknallpres.org
Web Site: www.blacknall.org

Blacknall Church Calendar

Sunday, 8/17
12:30 PM Welcome Reception
Tuesday, 8/19
Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, 8/24
12:30PM FOM luncheon with
Rollin and Wendy Grams

Church Staff

Allan Poole-Pastor
David Dunderdale-Pastor
Dave Stuntz-Music Min.
Beth Solie-
Children's Min.-Preschool
Amy Rowell-Children's Min. Elem.
Caroline Inazu- MS Youth Min.
Margaret Frothingham-
Congregational Care
Diane Beacham-Admin. Manager
Jan Smart-Assoc. Office Admin.
Dare Nicholson-Assoc. Office Admin
Terry Simpson-Facilities Manager
Amanda Diekman-Duke Div. Intern

Monthly Schedule

Sunday
8:30 AM Worship
9:30-11:15 Library Open
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
4:30 PM Haiti Ministries (1st Sun.)
International Missions (2nd Sun)
5:00 PM Adult Education (2nd Sun.)
6:30 PM Communion & Prayers (3rd Sun)
6:30 PM Prayers for Missionaries (2nd Sun)

Monday
7:00 AM Outreach Comm. (2nd Mon.)
7:00 PM Community Outreach Comm.
(2nd Mon.)
5:00 PM Finance Comm. (3rd Mon.)
7:30 PM Diaconate (1st & 3rd Mon.)
7:30 PM Session (2nd & 4th Mon.)
7:30 PM Family Life Comm. (1st Mon.)
8:00 PM Building & Property (1st Mon.)
8:00 PM Congregational Care (1st Mon.)
Hospitality Comm. (1st Mon)

Tuesday
7:30 PM Worship Comm. (1st Tues.)
7:30 PM Personnel Comm. (3rd Tues.)

Wednesday
6:45 AM Men's Bible Study
10:30 AM LCs (Seniors Ministry)

Thursday
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday
8:00 AM Prayers for Renewal
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Committee chair will notify members of changes to meeting time.

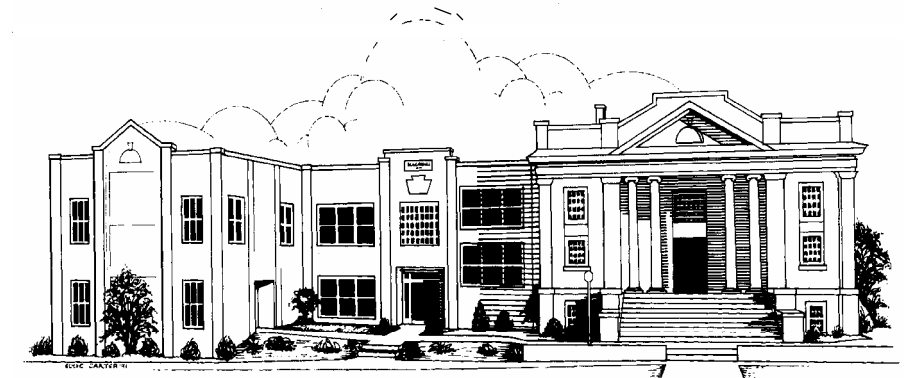
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Dear Blacknall family,

It's August, and our minds are on the last weeks of holiday and ... the Olympics.

Latest reports have it that the smog is so thick in Beijing that authorities might be forced to remove all unnecessary vehicles from the roads in an effort to clear the air. But no amount of smog, however debilitating to the finely tuned aerobic abilities of those Olympians, will keep them from demonstrating their prowess in their chosen disciplines. Runners, for example, from around the globe will wear masks if they have to, but they will crouch, dig in and strain toward that finish line, whether it be 100 or 10,000 meters away. Years of training and dreaming have combined toward this moment, and those athletes will be who they have trained to be. And it will be beautiful to witness. You can find me in front of the tv, if you are looking for me; most likely I will be standing about three feet away from the screen, my own middle-aged body taut (well, as "taut" as it can get) with anticipation as the starting gun fires.

Mount Olympus, in Greek mythology, was home to the gods. The upcoming games take their name from this famous place, the connotation obvious. These young athletes are like gods among us mere mortals, fleet of foot, prodigious in strength, agile and enduring. They didn't just become this way; whatever natural giftedness they might possess only provided the platform, the foundation for their further development through disciplined effort and an ordered focus.

In the meantime, the days of summer draw down. Our family is anticipating a week together on some golden shore along the Atlantic, a time to relax and to gather ourselves before returning to the rigors of school and work that are just ahead. But in my relaxation I need to take a lesson from those Olympians. For what purpose was I made? And, given that purpose, how shall I live "into" it? How shall I order my life such that my purpose will give shape to my decisions about how I spend my time and energy?

It occurs to me again that there is a significant difference between a "vacation" and a "holiday." To vacate is to leave behind; a holiday has a deeper intent, to restructure one's time and desires so as to further the purposes for which God made me. I.e., to be made holy. My "Olympic" challenge might look different from those athletes who are gathering in China just now, but asks no less of me, and has a deeper seriousness and effect. I will try to remember that as I pace in front of the television these next two weeks.

Yours, in greater Christlikeness,
Allan

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Staff Position Open Director of Youth Ministries

Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time Director of Youth Ministries position to provide (1) a programmatic ministry to our high school students, (2) work with the existing part-time middle school staff position, and (3) provide overall direction to the middle and high school youth programs.

This individual will be responsible for supporting a committed cadre of approximately 20 adult volunteer youth leaders, developing a comprehensive vision and sequence for Christian growth for approximately 75 middle/high school youth, making curriculum decisions for Sunday morning and Sunday evening youth groups, and providing direct service for this important relational ministry.

For more complete information (job description and qualifications), please contact Artie Kamiya, Search Committee Chair (919) 818-6486; artie@greatactivities.net.

Provide a Ride August 16-17

Once again, we have the opportunity to help Duke international freshmen who are traveling alone. Twenty volunteers are needed to transport students from the airport to Duke on the weekend of August 16-17. We will match you and your schedule with one student. This is a great way to meet and show Christ's kindness to some very exhausted, young travelers.

We will also accept donations of portable fans to help the arriving students in their non-air conditioned dorm rooms. Please volunteer with Matt or Natalie Eagleburger (natnre@gmail.com or 919-451-7237), who are coordinating this service.

Women's Ministry

An evening women's bible study on Habakkuk will be held on Wednesday nights at the church this fall. (See details under TableTalk)

Just Desserts

All the women of the Blacknall community are invited to kick off the fall season by attending one of the dessert parties held on September 9, 10, and 11.

The dessert parties are a great way for both newcomers and long-time members to meet the Blacknall women who live close by, enjoy refreshments, and find out about the women's ministry fall events. Please attend the date and location that best suits you.

Tuesday, September 9:

North Durham:
Home of Dare Nicholson
3003 Wild Meadow Drive
Durham, 27705

Wednesday, September 10:

Central Durham:
Home of Amy Gadol
1213 Carolina Avenue
Durham, 27705

Thursday, September 11:

South Durham:
Home of Fran Young
3718 Eton Road
Durham, 27707

West Durham/CH:

Home of June Van Bruggen
3239 Winfield Drive
Durham, 27707

Adult Childcare Workers

Caregivers are needed Wednesday evenings and/or Thursday mornings, beginning in September. Pay is \$12/hour, with requirements of a Background Check and Security Training (both provided). Contact Beth Solie, Director of Preschool Children's Ministries, (919)286-5586 or bsolie@blacknallpres.org.

Sermon Texts

Aug. 3 Deuteronomy 21.22-26.19
Aug. 10 Deuteronomy 27-28
Aug. 17 Deuteronomy 29
Aug. 24 Deuteronomy 30
Aug. 31 Deuteronomy 31

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TableTalk

September 24 - November 19
5:30-7:30pm

Blacknall's Wednesday night fellowship is back, bringing an evening of fellowship, fun, and learning to your week! Join us this fall for 9 weeks of delicious dinner and classes led by some of Blacknall's very gifted teachers. TableTalk is a program for the whole family, not just adults. Each class reflects a focus on missional living in the church and will be interactive, practical, and biblically grounded. Middle and high school youth are encouraged to participate in all classes. There is one class specifically for elementary aged children, and **nursery care will be available for children 4 years and under.**

Registration will begin on August 24 in the lower atrium, and the deadline to register is September 14. Questions? Contact Dave Dunderdale at 286-5586 or Karl Umble at 490-5174.

Classes

Young Missionaries

This will be an experiential journey for our children, from kindergarten to fifth grade, into the heart of missions. Each week we will be visited by an "everyday missionary," a person in our congregation and community whose life reflects a commitment to serve God daily. Through singing, scripture, and stories, our children will discover and affirm their own calling to be young missionaries in their schools, neighborhoods, and families.

Responding to Stories of Jesus

Leaders: Beth Solie & Traci Hoover

This fall we invite you to come and play with God. We will gather to worship, to be still, and to hear God speak to us through His word presented in a fresh and exciting way. If you had the time and space to be still and listen, I wonder how you might respond? Come and find out!

The Missional Church

Leaders: Dave Dunderdale, Amanda Diekman & Chris Rice

As a community, Blacknall exists to "give itself away, for the life of the world." We will explore this calling to be a missional church by discussing the biblical calling to missions, the crises facing the world today, and where God's spirit is at work in healing the world. Together, we will move actively into following God through holistic missional lives and think about how practices like suffering, lament, and hope help us to be disciples of Christ before a watching world.

Not Your Parents' Prayer Meeting!

Leaders: John Nicholson, Angie & Harold Hong

This group will meet each week not to talk about prayer but to pray. We will use various methods of prayer to encourage our engagement in communal prayer. We will use music and various other expressions of worship that will remind us that prayer is essential to our being an "outpost of the Kingdom."

Women's Bible Study: Habakkuk

Coordinator: Kirsten Burkart

Time: 6-7:30pm

An evening women's bible study on Habakkuk will be held on Wednesday nights at the church this fall. Following a short time of worship, participants will gather for facilitated small group discussions based on provided study questions. *Please note that this class has a separate registration process.* To register, contact Kirsten Burkart by August 31, at kburkart@nc.rr.com or (919) 491-1096.

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TableTalk (continued)

Living Philippians

Leaders: Andy Rowell & Tim Wardle

The goal of this class is to become better disciples of Jesus Christ through a study of the book of Philippians. In our discussion, we will seek to understand Paul's vision for the Philippians and their new life in Christ, why he is so insistent on certain aspects of the Christian life, such as humility, righteous living, and expectant hope, and how this might/should impact our individual and communal life as a church today.

Marriage

Leaders: Steve Hinkle & others

This class will focus on biblical perspectives on marriage and spend considerable time on issues of forgiveness and intimacy in marriage. Both singles and married people are welcomed to attend.

Small Groups

Small groups will be continuing to meet all fall. We are partnering with the Small Group ministry in several ways:

1. Your small group can sign up for a class together as your small group time for the fall.
2. Your small group can come and enjoy dinner and fellowship, and then use a small room for private discussion.

Childcare will be available for both options.

Please contact Karl Umble if you need to reserve a room for your small group.



Library News

The Kids 2 Kids Reading Program wraps up on Sunday, August 3. As of press time, we have read 168 books. We will donate at least 17 books to Cristo Vive, a Hispanic congregation meeting at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Roxboro Road. This ministry provides ongoing literacy classes for elementary school children, and they need more books to practice and strengthen their English. We donated 25 books to this ministry last year, and we decided to try to surpass that number this year. We hope that a big push in the last few weeks will help us reach our goal!

For adults in search of a good read, here are some of our latest additions:

The Shack by William Young – A provocative novel of one man's soul-changing encounter with the Trinity.

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller – What's been drawing a crowd at the discussion group on Wednesday nights? Read up on this book of winsome apologetics.

The Living Church by John Stott – Reflecting on 60+ years of service, Stott alerts a church in transition to the marks of a church that is the living Body of Christ.

The Legend of the Firefish by George Polivka – The first in a trilogy of swashbuckling pirate adventures.

Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon – Fans of the Mitford series will learn more about Father Tim as he unpacks old baggage in his hometown.